

June 2005

NORTHERN COMMAND

SAFESTAT REPORT

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Overview

During the month of June, the Northern Command's overall vehicle crash rate increased by 12.2% when compared to May which equates to 42 additional crashes overall. When looking at specific categories of crash severity it should be noted that the property damage crash category was the only increase, moving up 19.4%. Injury crashes decreased 1.7% and fatal crashes remained at the same number.

The high crash areas in Reno and Carson City continue to be in the construction zones. These problem areas are the "Spaghetti Bowl" in Reno and the U.S. 395 bypass and the Topsy Lane areas in Carson City. The majority of the crashes in these areas are the result of rear-end collisions caused generally by driver inattention and following too closely. Directed enforcement activities are continuing to be conducted in these areas in an attempt to reduce the crash rates.

The Command's overall enforcement activity decreased 17.7% as compared to last month but increased 24.3% as compared to May 2004. An overall drop in activity was not unexpected this month when you take into consideration the activity increase brought by the "Click it or Ticket" campaign which took place last month. Of concern is the rise in DUI arrests from crashes. Although they only increased by 9 occurrences, we must keep a close eye on this rise to see if it is a trend or just an anomaly. Proactive enforcement will be reinforced if needed to reduce the number of occurrences.

Commercial Enforcement Operations activities improved as compared to last month. Overall Safety Inspections increased by 6.9% with Repair Orders increasing by 3.5%. Overall, vehicles placed out of service and drivers placed out of service increased by 35% and 23% respectively. As the weather conditions continue to improve coupled with the additional check site activity conducted in June, the Commercial Enforcement section continues to improve their overall numbers.

Air 1 flew a total of 52.1 hours and conducted a total of eight enforcement missions resulting in 336 citations being issued including 16 hazardous moving violations and 3 arrests.

The Communication Center handled a total of 107,269 radio transmissions which is an increase of 13.3% when compared to last June and a 4.9% increase when compared to last month. CAD incidents increased by 14.0% when compared to last June and increased 31% when compared to May. The activity in the Communications Center continues to rise each month with the increased calls for service from the public.

The personnel of the Northern Command are commended for their continued service to the citizens and visitors of the State of Nevada.

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	June 2005		June 2004	% Change		May 2005	% Change
Total Crashes	385		327	17.7		343	12.2
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	265		218	21.6		222	19.4
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	116		102	13.7		118	-1.7
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	4		7	-42.9		4	0
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	18		12	50		9	100
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	4		6	-33.3		5	-20
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	1		1	0		2	-50
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	1		1	0		0	100
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	1		2	-50		2	-52
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	1		0	100		0	100
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	1		2	-50		1	0
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	20		14	42.9		19	5.3
Property crashes involving commercial vehicles	18		13	38.5		15	20
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	2		1	100		3	-33.3
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	1		0	100		1	0

Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 1.0%

Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 4.7%

Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 50.0%

Percentage of commercial vehicle crashes to total crashes 5.2%

The Northern Command for month of June showed an increase in overall vehicle crashes with injury crashes dropping slightly. The fatal crash rate remained the same.

The Reno Urban and Carson City areas still suffer from crashes that are directly influenced by the construction zones in the areas of the "Spaghetti Bowl" and the North McCarran/Clear Acre interchange in Reno and the US 395 bypass project in Carson City

Troopers command wide continue to work accident prevention enforcement targeting accident causing violations in our high accident areas. Accident causing violations remain following too close as a significant number of crashes are rear-end collisions.

Total Reno Urban Traffic accidents increased somewhat between May and June 2005 by 17.9%, from 179 to 211. Day shift crashes decreased by 10.5% over the same period last month and by more than 70% over the same period last year. Swing shift showed an increase of 49.3% over last month. The majority of Day shift accidents occurred on Tuesday and Wednesdays, with the high accident time between 0600 and 0900 hours. The commuter shifts continue to experience significant traffic congestion around the Spaghetti Bowl during the rush hours. Troopers will continue to work accident prevention enforcement, targeting

accident causing violations in high accident areas. The primary accident causing violation remains following too close, as a significant number of crashes are rear end collisions.

The crash reduction efforts in the Fernley Fallon areas remain mixed. There was a slight increase in crashes from last year going from 51 to 55. There was, however, a decrease from 62 to 55 from last month. There were two fatality crashes this month. The crashes are spread out with no particular area being a problem, although I-80 near Fernley continues to be the highest beat for crashes.

Total Carson/Tahoe District crashes increased by 14.7% from 102 to 117. The largest increase was in Property Damage crashes at 32.1% from 56 to 74. The district also had 2 Fatality crashes, up from 1 the previous month.



FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

	June 2005	June 2004	% Change	May 2005	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes **	18	11	63.6	9	100
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes **	84	65	29.2	108	-22.2
Other Arrests	466	278	37.6	431	8.1
Total persons arrested (DUI included) **	204	153	33.3	208	-1.9
Speed violations	1961	1941	1	2461	-20.3
Hazardous moving violations	748	655	14.2	758	-1.3
Occupant restraint violations *	405	405	0	675	-40.0
Total violations [above violations included]	5246	4221	24.3	6375	-17.7
Commercial Enforcement					
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	5	10	430	63	-15.9
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	63	15	320	47	34
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6]	730	666	9.6	687	6.9
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	1	0	100	0	100
Total safety violations -- citation	356	198	79.8	364	-1.1
Total safety violations -- repair order	2062	1281	61.0	2000	3.5
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	153	90	70	113	35.4
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	63	26	142.3	53	23.5
Total school buses inspected	52	116	46.6	103	-39.8
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	25	32	-21.9	50	-50
Total trucks weighed	160	137	16.8	191	-16.2
Total overweight citations	36	24	50	48	-25.0
Total dyed fuel inspections	520	353	47.3	498	4.4
Total dyed fuel citations	4	3	33.3	1	300

* Seat belt and child restraint

** Commercial Enforcement Activity Included

Enforcement numbers overall showed a decrease of 17.7% but show a significant 24.3% increase from the same period last year. In fact all activity categories are up compared to the same period last year. The continued efforts of the Northern Command officers despite their reduced manpower numbers shows that the level of individual effort is still remaining at a good level.

As manpower allows special enforcement activities are being enacted with the goal of reducing violations in given areas of the command. This is an ongoing effort to reduce the number and severity of crashes in the command.

ENFORCEMENT RATIOS PER OFFICER

Total Crashes	8.81
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	6.07
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	2.66
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	0.09
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	0.41
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	0.46
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	0.41
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	0.05
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0.02

DUI arrests from crashes ##	0.41
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	1.92
Other Arrests	10.67
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	4.67
Speed violations	44.90
Hazardous moving violations	17.13
Occupant restraint violations* ##	9.27
Total violations [above violations included]	120.11
Commercial Enforcement	
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	3.31
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	3.94
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	45.63
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	0.06
Total safety violations -- citation	22.25
Total safety violations -- repair order	128.88
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	9.56
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	3.94
Total school buses inspected	3.88
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	1.56
Total trucks weighed	10.00
Total overweight citations	2.25
Total dyed fuel inspections	32.50

COMMERCIAL ENFORCEMENT

June is the final month of the Federal Fiscal Year third quarter. Federal Fiscal Year 95 concludes on September 30, 2005. This month the Commercial Section of the Northern Command continued its efforts to meet all of the Federal Goals, established by the CVSP (Commercial Vehicle Safety Plan) for this fiscal year.

The Northern Command, Southern Command and the Central Command Commercial Enforcement Sections teamed up to conduct a 72-hour check-site. This check-site was hosted by the Northern Command and was held here in the Reno area specifically at the IR80 Wadsworth check-site facility. It started June 6 at 2200 hours and continued to June 9 ending at 2200 hours. The 72-hour operation generated a total of 54 Level 1 inspections for the Northern Command Commercial Enforcement Section. Due to the bad weather, Level 1 inspections were conducted only during the first 24-hours of the check-site. The remaining time personnel performed Level II inspections. During the month of June, the Commercial Enforcement Section scheduled and completed three additional (3) check-sites.

In June, the overall activity for the Commercial Enforcement Section was up from the previous month. This increase was contributed to 72-hour check-site and the other three check-sites. Arrests, MRO's, and safety inspections all showed an increase as predicted.

In June, we had several personnel attend the mandatory ICS classes in the Reno office. In July, the remaining personnel will attend this class. Defensive Tactics and Use of Force classes will be scheduled in September. The Commercial Enforcement Section is determined to achieve its yearly Federal goals prior to these classes.

The Commercial Enforcement Section's Commercial Vehicle Safety Inspectors (CVSIs) have been tasked with the state's school bus inspection program. The CVSIs completed the bi-yearly inspection of all of the school buses in the Northern Command. They will still be meeting with the Washoe County School District to determine the course of action on the high out-of-service rates of their buses and to continue to insure the safety of the students being transported.

AIR OPERATIONS

During June, Air 1 flew a total of 52.1 hours, a 7% decrease from the prior year. 8 of 12 scheduled speed enforcement missions were flown; one was cancelled due to rain, two were cancelled due to a lack of ground units, and one was cancelled to transport Lt. Almaraz to Las Vegas for a personnel meeting.

Total enforcement activity for the month was 336 citations. Included in this figure are 16 hazardous moving violations and 3 arrests.

Two in state prisoner transports were conducted during June as well as the previously mentioned personnel transport.

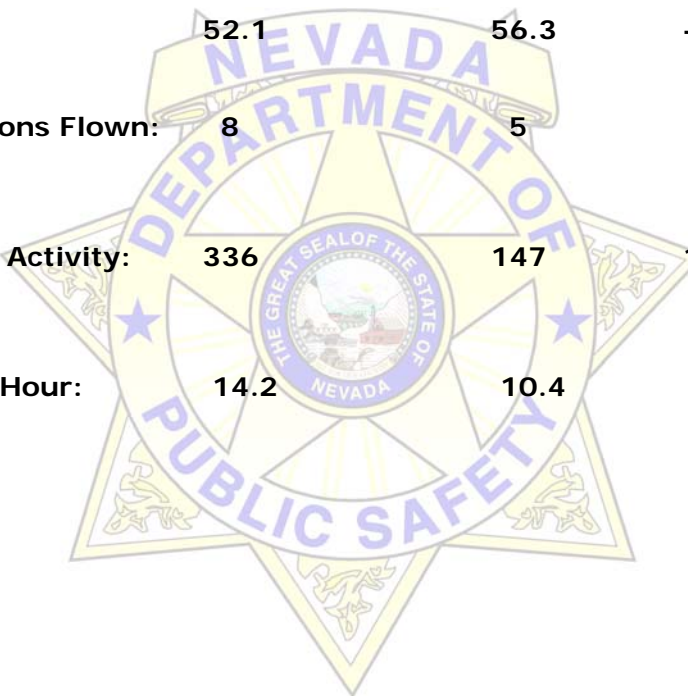
The aircraft was present on static display at two air shows during June; Carson City and Minden.

Trooper Allen arranged for a joint photo op with the Nevada Air National Guard with their C130 aircraft, our plane, several patrol vehicles and a motorcycle.

On the way to enforcement at Bellevue on the morning of the 14th, Air 1 became involved in an ATL for a carjacking suspect from Reno. The suspect was stopped in a residential area west of 395 at Bellevue and taken into custody by Washoe County units.

Below is a comparative summary of N111HP flight operations in the Northern and Central commands for the month of June, 2005.

Total Hours Flown	June 2005	June 2004	Change
Time over sites.....	23.6	14.1	67 %
Time enroute to sites.....	10.7	8.7	23 %
Prisoner Transports.....(2)	8.7	12.8	- 32 %
Personnel Transports...(1)	5.5	16.0	- 66 %
Minden Air Show.....	.6	.6	-
Carson City Air show...	.1	-	-
Winnemucca Air Show..	-	3.0	
NV ANG Photos.....	.7	-	
Maintenance.....	-	1.1	
Training.....	1.7	-	-
ATL carjacker.....	.5	-	-
Total:	52.1	56.3	- 7 %
Enforcement Missions Flown:	8	5	60 %
Total Enforcement Activity:	336	147	129 %
Activity Per Flight Hour:	14.2	10.4	37 %



ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	June 2005	June 2004	% Change	May 2005	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER					
Radio Transmissions	107269	94693	13.3	102273	4.9
CAD incidents	13085	9985	31	11478	14
FRONT OFFICE					
Accident Reports Processed	337	199	69.35	400	15.75
Arrest Reports Processed	176	157	12.10	179	1.67
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	15	Unk	Unk	3	400
Office Accident Reports Taken	23	32	-28.12	19	21.05
COURT / WARRANT					
Warrants Received	554	537	3.16	408	35.78
Warrants Entered	301	68	342.65	407	-26.04
Warrants Cleared	827	492	68.09	675	22.52
Warrants Validated	151	997	-84.85	198	-23.74
Citations Processed	2598	3832	-32.20	3824	-32.06
Extradition / Transports					
EVIDENCE					
New Cases Submitted	41	31	-24.3	41	0
New Items Submitted	64	48	-25	63	1.5
Items Disposed	51	43	-15.6	48	13.7

FRONT OFFICE

Use of compensatory time decreased by 89%. Twenty-Eight hours of training were provided as a combination of State classes with "Critical Incident Stress Management courses for one AAIL over a two day period. Twenty-nine hours of overtime were used during this month to cover the loss of one AAIL position to Command for special projects, and coverage of lunches due to sick leave absences. Backlogged citations are now current through March 4th. These are being worked on daily by a trooper who is on light duty, and the Command secretary. One AAIL position has been replaced by a transfer from dispatch effective June 13th. She is trained in film duties, deposit duties, and processing incoming local accidents for dissemination. The front office is on a 10-hour schedule to last through September 1st, so that the clerks may enjoy some extra summer time with their families. Commitment to excellence remains through this time.

The number of accident reports processed decreased by 15.75%, to 337 this period. One hundred seventy-six arrest reports were processed, as one assistant is still training on the local arrest desk. Office reports taken increased by 21%. The accident request desk remains current with 237 reports being copied and disseminated this month.

Citations processed are down from last month by 32%. Stats for last month are now available on this reporting document. The trooper placed on light duty has been working in dispatch; however he has continued to help with entering the backlogged citations into

Crossroads. Legibility remains a continuous problem cited by all clerks attempting to enter the citations into Crossroads.

Goals for the administrative section: We are still attempting to cross-train each AAI in all aspects of their Work Performance Standards. The supervisor is still working on providing current and updated standards in each of the elements for goal-setting.

COURT WARRANTS

The staff is current with entering warrants. There was an increase in warrants received by 35.78%, but a decrease in entry by 26%. Warrants cleared increased by 22.5%. Validations decreased by 23%.

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

The Northern Command Communication center currently has two vacant Public Safety Dispatcher positions. A third position became vacant in June when an employee transferred to the front office and has since been filled by a new employee. There are currently 5 people with backgrounds in process to fill the remaining positions.

Total work hours lost increased by 27.2% since last month primarily due to an increase annual and comp leave, common for this time of year. Mandatory training for held for JLCClient and the III Error Log has been completed and training for the new PSD IV has been nearly completed, accounting for the 94.1% reduction.

Compensatory overtime decreased by 66% and paid overtime decreased by 65.2% when compared to the same period last year. Overtime as a whole decreased by 65.3% when compared to the same period last year and increased by 17% when compared to last month. The decrease from last year is primarily due to the increased use of flexible scheduling and day off trading. The increase over last month is primarily due to annual leave and vacant position coverage. The coverage of annual leave accounted for 58% of overtime, followed by 23.2% for the vacant positions, 7.8% for meetings, and 7% for the sick leave.

The radio transmissions in June increased by 13.3% when compared to last June and increased by 4.9% when compared to last month. The CAD incidents increased by 31% when compared to last June and increased by 14% when compared to last month. These increases can be attributed to an increased number of Dispatch personnel over the same period last year as well as an increased number of incidents and field personnel signed on duty into CAD versus last month. More field units are signing onto CAD beginning this month than in months prior, showing a more accurate account of statistical information gathered.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

The month of June proved to be very busy in the Public Relations Coordinator's office. The month began with a newspaper reporter interviewing recently retired Trooper Steve Pagni. A very nice article detailing some of the highlights throughout Steve's extensive career with NHP was published in the Reno Gazette-Journal.

We also attended a safety fair for the Boy Scouts as well as a high school career fair in Nixon. Once again this year we were invited to participate at the IGT employees' safety fair where a booth was set up including the rollover simulator trailer. This event resulted in a story about rollover accidents and the importance of seatbelts which was done by News Channel 8.

The Division also scheduled a trooper to attend a "safe and sober" event at one of the Reno area high schools. Trooper McLellan attended the function and spoke to the graduates and parents about alcohol awareness and other traffic safety topics. Department personnel also traveled to San Diego to attend a career fair. This journey included a reporter and

photographer from News Channel 8 that produced a very lengthy story about our recruitment efforts. Trooper Allen also assisted Kimberly Evans from the Director's staff by instructing media relations to the first line supervisor's class in Las Vegas.

The Division also assisted with the "Special Kids" events at the Reno Rodeo this year by sending a trooper in uniform that generated both television and print media coverage. We also participated in "Vacation Station" where approximately 900 area kids had the opportunity to meet area public safety personnel as well as enjoy fun and games. In addition to the above events, we helped instruct 4 drivers' education classes and are still doing the 1 hour weekly show labeled "Trooper Talk" on KBDB AM 1400. Also during the entire month of June, we assisted with completing 5 live traffic reports each weekday morning on News Channel 8.



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